

Dear Lexington Resident: Sept. 2010

In June 2010 Lexington, along with 34 other communities from across Massachusetts, were designated as the Commonwealth's first Green Communities. To qualify as a Green Community, Lexington adopted 5 required criteria, including adoption of the Stretch Energy Code, and the development of an Energy Reduction Plan for reducing energy consumption by 20% by FY2013. In addition to grant funding Lexington received several BigBelly solar solid waste compactors paired with recycling units. The BigBelly unit pictured on the cover of the recycling flyer is located at Lincoln Field. One BigBelly unit can replace up to 5 traditional trash receptacles resulting in fewer trips to collect refuse, reducing fuel and truck costs, traffic, noise pollution and scattered street litter, not to mention expanded recycling access for bottles and cans that are usually thrown in the trash. Throughout this fall the Lexington DPW will be installing these BigBelly units at playgrounds, parks and throughout the community--please remember to recycle!

Robert Beaudoin, Supt. of Environmental Services

DROP-OFF OF ROCKS, CONCRETE & ASPHALT

Residents can now drop-off limited amounts (no more than 3 five gallon buckets at a time) of miscellaneous small rocks, broken asphalt and broken concrete in the designated drop-off area at the Lexington Compost Facility at Hartwell Ave.

IMPORTANT PHONE / CONTACT INFORMATION:

For a missed pickup, call JRM at 1-800-323-4285. For general information about the Town's trash and recycling programs call DPW at 781-274-8300 and press 1 for trash or recycling questions. For additional information on all of Lexington's solid waste and recycling programs go to the Town Web Page at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/environmentalservices.cfm>



Important Solid Waste & Recycling Information for 2010 - 2011
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Department of Public Works
Samuel Hadley Public Services Building
201 Bedford Street



BigBelly Recycling Unit & Solar Solid Waste Compactor

Recycling and Trash Guidelines for Residents

September 2010

- ◆ **IMPORTANT** Information on curbside collection of recycling, yard waste and trash as well as collection dates for household hazardous waste and other special collection programs.

JRM 
Hauling & Recycling
800-323-HAUL
www.jrmhauling.com

Lexington Rubbish Guidelines

HOUSEHOLD TRASH INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Place trash barrels or bags at curb no later than 7 A.M. on your collection day and remove within 12 hours of collection.
- ◆ For general trash questions call LEX DPW at 781-274-8300 and press 1.
- ◆ For missed pick-up call JRM at 1-800-323-4285.
- ◆ JRM will collect up to 6 bags or barrels (32 gal. limit) of trash and 1 bulky item per week. Bulky items are mostly furniture like a mattress & box spring, sofa, chair, auto tire (w/o rim) carpet (no more than 15 rolls at a time, cut in 4' lengths, rolled & tied) other furniture and large toys. Also accepted unpainted wood cut in 3 foot lengths, tied & bundled (not more than 50 lbs per bundle).
- ◆ Additional trash can be put out when moving in or out. Trash MUST be in bags or barrels at the curb in an orderly manner (NOT loose in piles) or it will not be collected.
- ◆ Call a private hauler for:
 - Construction & demolition debris eg. plywood, lumber, bathtubs, cabinets, sheetrock & windows (contractors/homeowner responsible for disposal) See Building Materials Resource Center website for alternatives www.bostonbmrc.org
 - Tree stumps, rocks, dirt & sand.
 - Automotive parts
 - Property cleanouts

COMPUTERS, TV'S, & ELECTRONICS

- ◆ TV's, computers and other miscellaneous electronics (incl. keyboards, mouse, printer, vcr's, stereos, etc.) can be collected curbside separate from Household Trash, by appointment
- ◆ Resident must call JRM at 1-800-323-4285 to schedule curbside collection on the same day as your weekly trash/recycle collection day.
- ◆ Resident must schedule appointment by 3 PM the day prior to one's regular collection day.
- ◆ Residents are limited to putting out not more than ten CRT related items per year.

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS: (HHP)

- ◆ Bring household cleaners, oil, gasoline and other automotive products, lawn & garden chemicals, oil-based paint & stains, varnishes & wood preservatives and other products such as fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks and auto batteries to the:
Minuteman HHP Regional Facility, 60 Hartwell Avenue
- ◆ 2010 remaining collections: Sunday Sept. 19, Saturday Oct. 16, and Saturday Nov. 13, from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- ◆ 2011 HHP collections: Saturday April 23, Saturday May 21, Saturday June 18, Saturday July 16, Saturday August 20, Sunday Sept. 18, Saturday October 15, and Saturday Nov. 5, from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- ◆ For a complete listing of acceptable and nonacceptable materials go to Town website at: <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/hhhwfacility.cfm> or call the Board of Health at (781) 862-0500 ext. 200.
- ◆ Don't bring water-base latex paint to HHP collections. Open cans to air, mix with kitty litter, shredded paper or use paint hardener (available at hardware store) to dry out, when paint in can is solidified put out in trash bag.

HHP SAFETY TIPS:

- ◆ Sort and pack paint, pesticides and cleaners separately. Pack your car and go directly to the collection site. Never smoke while handling items; tighten caps and lids; never mix chemicals and use original labeled containers. Always keep children and pets away from toxic items.

DROP OFF OF MERCURY ITEMS:

- ◆ Lexington Residents (proof of residency required) can drop off thermostats, thermometers, fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent bulbs, button cell batteries, and nickel cadmium rechargeable batteries at the Universal Waste shed at Hartwell Avenue during regular operating hours. No other hazardous wastes accepted at shed. These mercury items can also be brought to any of the 8 HHP collections (for collection dates see HHP section above).

APPLIANCES & LARGE METAL ITEMS:

- ◆ Resident must call JRM at 1-800-323-4285 to schedule curbside collection of an appliance or large metal items which will be collected on the same day as your weekly trash day. Resident must schedule appointment by 3 PM the day prior to your regular trash collection day.
- ◆ Resident must have scheduled appliance out to the curb by 7 am. for pick-up. Doors on freezer or refrigerator must be removed.
- ◆ Stoves, microwaves, clothes washers and dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water heaters and dehumidifiers are required by law to be handled separately from household trash.
- ◆ Large scrap metal items such as a desk, bike, cabinet, barbeque grill (w/o propane tank) wood stove or metal box spring etc. must be scheduled for curbside collection like an appliance. Please note that lawnmowers and snow blowers can also be picked-up but these items must be completely drained of oil and gas.

SCRAP METAL DROP OFF:

- ◆ Residents are encouraged to use the scrap metal drop off container located at Hartwell Avenue. Acceptable scrap metal items include antennas, bed frames, bikes, curtain rods, fans, file cabinets, grills, (charcoal and gas-remove tank), gutters, downspouts, ladders, railings, pots and pans, screen doors, metal shelving, signs, sinks, swing sets, toasters and wheelbarrows, during regular operating hours and on the weekends.

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL DAYS:

- ◆ Monday Oct. 18, 2010 5 PM – 7:30 PM, Saturday Nov. 13, 2010, 9 AM – 12 Noon, Saturday April 2, 2011 9 AM – 12 noon, and Wednesday June 1, 2011 5 PM – 7:30 PM behind Town Hall, 1625 Mass. Ave. in the parking lot behind the building.
- ◆ What to Bring:
 - Sharps, needles, syringes stored in capped sturdy containers, such as Sharp containers, detergent bottle, coffee can or similar non-returnable sturdy containers.
 - Expired medicine
- ◆ Lexington Residents Only (ID/License required)
- ◆ For more information call 781-862-0500 x 237

Lexington Recycling Guidelines

why recycle?

Recycling saves money, creates jobs and reduces climate change. For every ton we recycle, we save 17 trees, 2 barrels of oil, 7000 gallons of water and over 3000 pounds of air pollutants.

In FY10 trash increased by 450 tons primarily due to severe flooding in the spring. Recycling tons of paper, cardboard and containers was down by 4% or nearly 200 tons. Revenue generated at the Lexington Compost Facility from the sale of compost products and contractor yard waste totaled \$402,000 in FY10.

important recycling instructions

- ◆ Recycling is MANDATORY in Lexington.
- ◆ If recyclables appear in trash, JRM will sticker item and leave it behind.
- ◆ Place recyclables at curb at least 8' away from trash.
- ◆ Place recycle bins out by 7 A.M. on your collection day.
- ◆ Remove empty recycle bins within 12 hours of collection.
- ◆ New and replacement recycling bins are available at the new Lexington Public Services Facility, 201 Bedford Street. Each household is entitled to 2 recycle bins at no charge. Additional bins cost \$6 each. To recycle broken recycle bins return them to 201 Bedford St. Compost bins (\$30) and rain barrels (\$75 until supplies last) can be purchased at 201 Bedford Street, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and picked-up at the Lexington Compost facility at Hartwell Avenue, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Don't Throw it Away! If you want to find a new home for something, whether it's a toy, chair, piano or just about anything else simply send an e-mail offering it to members of the Freecycle group in your area. Go to www.freecycle.org for details.

Lexington Compost Facility

Leaves, grass, yard waste including brush/branches ONLY 1" – 4" in diameter. Drop-off: Lexington Compost Facility, 60 Hartwell Ave. opens mid March – mid Dec. weather permitting, weekdays M-F 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Sundays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Expanded hours for 10 weeks in the fall and spring. Starting Sept. 27 – Dec. 3, 2010 weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekends Sat & Sun. open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Spring expanded hours starting March 28 – June 3, 2011 weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekends Sat & Sun. open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except on HHP collections when facility is open ONLY until 2PM.

For additional drop-off recycling services at Compost Site (see other side of flyer)

paper & cardboard:

Lexington operates a two-sort program: paper must be separated from commingled containers. Mixed paper in a paper bag can be placed on top of recycle bin with commingled containers. Keep paper free of food and plastic wrapping and NO PLASTIC BAGS.



glass, metal & plastic containers:

Place rinsed containers loose in your bin, no plastic or paper bags. OK to include plastic & metal caps & lids.



leaf & yard waste:

Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

See shaded area in the recycling calendar for weeks when yard waste will be collected at the curb.



what to recycle:

- ◆ Newspapers/inserts
 - ◆ Magazines, phone books and catalogs
 - ◆ Junk mail/office paper
 - ◆ Clean pizza boxes (folded inside out)
 - ◆ Paperboard (cereal and shoe boxes etc.) and paperback books
 - ◆ Corrugated cardboard
- Curbside collection: cardboard must be flattened and cut to 36" x 36" or less, and for multiple pieces it must be tied/bundled together, or placed under or between recycle bins. Cardboard placed in trash barrel/bags will be stickered and all contents left at the curb. Drop-off option: bring flattened oversized cardboard to container at Lexington Compost facility mid March - mid December. See yard waste drop-off for hours.

no need to remove...

...staples, paper clips, metal spirals, or plastic windows on envelopes.

recycle more containers:

- ◆ Residents can use any 32 gallon barrel for recycling glass, metal & plastic containers. Face the sticker (available at 201 Bedford St., 1st floor DPW office) to the street when using a barrel. (No more than 35 lbs. per barrel)
- ◆ Clear, green and brown glass food and beverage containers only
- ◆ Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans
- ◆ Metal food cans, lids and caps
- ◆ Aluminum pie plates and trays
- ◆ Aseptic containers such as: milk and juice cartons, and juice/drink boxes
- ◆ All ♻️ thru ♻️ plastic containers ONLY (look for symbol on bottom of containers)
- ◆ Stiff plastic Styrofoam food trays

what is yard waste?

- ◆ Leaves, grass clippings, dead flower plants, wood chips, pine needles, organic vegetation, brush 1 inch in diameter or less

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING Special curbside recycling collection during Jan. 3 – 7 and 10 – 14, 2011 on regular collection day. Trees are picked up in separate truck. Resident must remove all foreign objects (plastic bags, ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc.) Place tree curbside separate from trash & recyclables. An alternative is to drop off tree at the Lexington Compost Facility at Hartwell Avenue from 12/27/10 – 1/31/11

ALL FOREIGN OBJECTS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE TREE. Please note: Christmas trees are no longer accepted at the Samuel Hadley Public Services Building on 201 Bedford Street

how to prepare paper:

- ◆ Place mixed paper in brown paper bags on top of recycle bin with containers or place all mixed paper together in recycle bin separate from recycle bin with commingled containers.
- ◆ Paperboard (e.g. cereal & cracker boxes) flattened, foil & plastic liners removed
- ◆ Call Friends of Cary Library 781-862-6288 to donate books or Got Books at 978-327-7600
- ◆ Shredded paper must be put in a paper bag and stapled closed and placed in or on top of bin
- ◆ Do not recycle soiled pizza boxes, put in trash

cardboard dropoff sites:

Residents with lots of cardboard or oversized boxes can bring it to the Lexington Compost Facility at Hartwell Ave. (for hours see below), or directly behind the White House (in Town Hall parking lot) or at the Grace Chapel parking lot off of Worthen Road. Look for "cardboard only" green slotted JRM containers. Boxes must be flattened. No soiled or waxed cardboard.

how to prepare containers:

- ◆ RINSE CLEAN ALL CONTAINERS
- ◆ Collars, neck rings & labels ok
- ◆ Crush plastic & aseptic containers
- ◆ RINSE CLEAN and include with other containers
- ◆ Remove straws from juice/drink boxes

do not include:

- ◆ **NO plastic bags**-recycle at area grocery stores
- ◆ Plastic motor oil or chemical containers
- ◆ All stiff Styrofoam packaging should be put in trash
- ◆ Corks and broken glass
- ◆ Ceramics, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, drinking glasses and unclean flowerpots
- ◆ Aluminum foil, paint cans, metal items, aerosol cans, coat hangers
- ◆ To recycle large metal items, see reverse side.

how to prepare yard waste:

- ◆ Place yard waste in paper biodegradable bags or open barrels without lids & place at curbside separate from trash & recycling
- ◆ ORANGE yard waste stickers for barrels available at DPW

do not include:

- ◆ NO PLASTIC BAGS
- ◆ No stumps or logs
- ◆ No rocks, stones, dirt or sand
- ◆ No construction waste
- ◆ No Brush larger than 1" in diameter

<http://www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/environmentalservices.cfm>

LEXINGTON COLLECTION CALENDAR 2010-2011

SEPTEMBER 2010

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Observed Holidays



Curbside Yard Waste Collections



Christmas Tree Collection 1/3/11 thru 1/7/11
and 1/10/11 thru 1/14/11



Medical Waste Collections



HHP (Hazardous Household Products) Events